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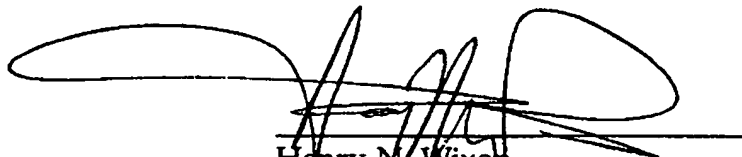
Re:   Applicant:   **Rapoport, Basil**  
     Serial No.:   08/482,402;  
     Filed:        7 June 1995  
     Entitled:     DISEASE ASSOCIATED HUMAN  
                    AUTOANTIBODIES SPECIFIC FOR  
                    HUMAN THYROID PEROXIDASE  
     Our Ref:     102105.151CIPDIV3

Sir:

Enclosed herewith for appropriate action by the United States Patent and  
Trademark Office are the following documents:

1. ~~Response to Restriction Requirement~~

Respectfully Submitted,



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Applicant: Basil Rapoport

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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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Sir:

In response to the outstanding Restriction Requirement issued 8 January 1998, in connection with the captioned application, Applicant hereby elects Group I, directed to claims 11-15, drawn to a recombinant DNA sequence encoding human thyroid peroxidase which is secreted from a cell and a vector comprising the DNA sequence, classified in class 536, subclass 23.1 and class 435, subclass 320.1.

This election is made with traverse. The claims presented in the captioned divisional application correspond to Group IV of the four-way Restriction Requirement issued in the parent application (USSN 08/196,082, filed 3 March 1994). Further, the captioned application claims the benefit under 35 USC 120 of prior applications dating to 31 July 1989. Accordingly, the Office is prohibited pursuant to 37 CFR 1.129(b)(1) from maintaining the requirement for restriction of the captioned application.